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DO IT NOW!

For your convenience, a membership blank has been printed in the Trail Blazer. Why not renew your Membership immediately and insure the continuance of the Trail Blazer!

OUR COVER

The End of a Perfect Day

The photograph on our cover this month was submitted by Arthur Denton, and entitled "The End of a Perfect Day". We thought it particularly appropriate this month, for not only have we all experienced the feeling expressed by those jeans with the tired, but contented looking wrinkles, but for the TRAIL BLAZER staff this issue will be the "End of a Perfect Year".

Well, not quite perfect, of course. In spite of careful editing and proofreading, errors have slipped into your magazine from time to time causing at least temporary consternation among the staff members. But as you know "to err is human, to forgive divine", so if you have excused our errors, you are definitely in the divine class in our opinion.

During the past year the TRAIL BLAZER has had its face completely lifted, and even as the fashions in women's clothes, has assumed that "New Look". I think I can speak for all members of the magazine staff from the managing editor to the reporters and say that we have worked hard and we are proud of our efforts.

One of the greatest satisfactions in working on the TRAIL BLAZER the past year, however, has been the pleasure derived from working with a swell bunch of people, and adding to our list of friends, people we wouldn't have had the opportunity of knowing well otherwise.

Thanks to all of you who by your cooperation have made our year more pleasant.

Blanche Paul, Editor.

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DATE: THURSDAY, DEC. 4, 1947

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: HOTEL CLAREMONT



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Message From The President

We have instituted some new ideas this year, such as the quarterly open forum meetings and changing the means of selecting the Board of Directors so that the entire membership has more voice in running the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

Now, so that our annual dinner dance this year, at the Claremont Hotel, December 4, can be given over entirely to enjoyment, I have asked each chairman to write his annual report of accomplishment which you will be able to read at your leisure in the following pages of the Trail Blazer.

My year as your President has had its trials, such as the Horse Show being rained out TWICE, but it has brought a tremendous satisfaction as well because of the whole-hearted cooperation I have received. I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all of you who have worked so faithfully throughout the year.

Space here does not permit me to express myself as freely as I would like, but I shall take it upon myself to pen you a letter individually to express my sincere appreciation.

Don Marquis, President.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in General Fund,
November 30, 1946 \$ 446.05

Receipts:

Dues from Membership	\$1,736.25
Activities	370.60
Trail Blazer Ads	2,452.41
Miscellaneous	15.00
TOTAL	\$5,020.31

Expenses:

Membership (printing, etc.)	\$ 251.63
Trails	735.52
Trail Blazer	2,204.26
Activities	542.15
California State Horsemen's Association	78.00
Secretary, printing, supplies	575.32
Miscellaneous and Insurance	191.47
TOTAL	\$4,578.35

Balance in General Fund,
November 15, 1947 \$ 441.96

Trail Blazer Special Account:
Accrued earnings for 1947 \$2,452.41
Cost of printing and
mailing to date 2,204.26

Balance in TRAIL BLAZER
SPECIAL ACCOUNT,
November 15, 1947 \$ 248.15
Accounts Receivable 789.46
TOTAL \$1,037.61

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gale, Secretary-Treasurer
Martin Murray, Finance Committee



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Archie Brown, chairman	
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The total amount spent by the Activites committee for the year 1947 was five hundred forty-two dollars and fifteen cents. The receipts totaled three hundred seventy dollars and sixty cents. This left a deficit of one hundred seventy-one dollars and fifty-five cents.

The barn dance in March, which started off the year's activities, was the only event realizing a sizable profit. The amount realized was seventy-three dollars and sixty-seven cents. The turn out for this event was tops.

The second event on the calendar was a breakfast ride which ended at the Tourist Club where horses were tied while members and their guests enjoyed a huge breakfast. The Wild West Show, held in conjunction with a breakfast put on by the Aanmes Shrine Rangers at the Rancho San Antonio was the next activity.

A Sunday in July was set aside for the pleasure of the Junior Members. This activity took the form of a Field Day with games and contests staged especially for the Juniors. An Overnight Ride to dedicate the completion of the trail from the Redwood Regional Park, over Roundtop and ending at Tilden Park was held on September 13. This ride was the largest of its kind ever to be held by the organization. Those unable to make the ride showed up in autos at Tilden Park to enjoy the dinner and dance in the evening.

The last event on the calendar for this year will be the annual Dinner Dance and election of officers which will be held at the Claremont Hotel on December 4. Your committee urges all of you to come, bring your friends and make it the biggest event of the year. Your chairman wishes to thank all members of his committee who worked endless hours to help put on these activities.

Annual Reports

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The total amount collected from ads by the TRAIL BLAZER STAFF for the year 1947, up to and including November 17, 1947, was \$2,452.41. The expenditures for printing, mailing, art work, and cuts totaled \$2,204.26. This left a balance of \$248.15. Delinquent accounts in the amount of \$789.46 were billed again on November 1st, with the request that payment be made before the end of the year. The balance of \$248.15 on hand November 17th, plus accounts receivable in the amount of \$789.46 totals \$1,037.61.

The 1947 TRAIL BLAZER STAFF made every effort to continue the publication of the TRAIL BLAZER on a self-supporting basis. Staff meetings were held during the year to discuss ideas concerning the growth and development of the magazine. Soon after the first of the year, Blanche Paul, the Editor, with the assistance of her fine group of reporters, received more monthly news than could be printed in the twelve pages of the magazine. Vern Chappell and assistants Mary Gale, Don Marquis and Martin Murray soon secured the necessary advertising required to offset the additional cost of printing and the TRAIL BLAZER blossomed forth as a twenty page publication. (The 1947 COLT EDITION resulted in a twenty-four page issue.) Soon after, plans for a new set-up within the means of the TRAIL BLAZER budget were discussed and the adoption of the present lay-out agreed upon.

A monthly editorial, a picture on the cover, the organization of subject matter into departments, and the division of the page into two evenly spaced columns, with ads separated and framed individually, plus the addition of eight pages, is the progress made by the TRAIL BLAZER this year.

M.H.A. Activities

Annual Dinner, Membership Meeting and Election

CLAREMONT HOTEL

THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 4, 1947

COCKTAIL HOUR

6:30 to 7:30 in Florentine Room

DINNER

7:30 to 9:00 — Full Course Dinner \$3.50

Fruit Cocktail

Hearts of Lettuce Salad

Prime Ribs of Beef

Potatoes au Gratin

String Beans au Saute with Bacon

Ice Cream

Coffee

Cookies

DANCING

9:00 to 1:00 a.m. — 6 piece Orchestra

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Jimmie Decker
Delia Fleishhacker
Tommy Hoey
Julie Wilson

Juniors:

Jean Brown
Phyllis Perkins

INTRODUCING 1948 MEMBERS

Our first 1948 member is Delia Fleishhacker from San Francisco. Delia has a lovely walk-trot gelding, Twinkle Bell, who lives in high style at the Gymkhana Club, where he has been shown in the Club Shows. Delia is 17 years of age and full of plans for Twinkle Bell in 1948. Welcome to MHA Delia, and congratulations on being our first 1948 member!

Sure glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Decker join up! Mrs. Decker is a member of the Lari-ettes, and both ride their own horses at the Pinto Ranch.

The Atkinsons have a nice horse called Hermanita. Mr. Atkinson is associated with A & A Blacksmith Shop in Walnut Creek. Mrs. Atkinson, the former Joyce Williamson of Cressmount, often rides the horse belonging to Mr. Allen, co-owner of the blacksmith shop. The horse is named Wee Hope. (No pun intended).

Three pals who ride from Piedmont Stables have joined this month. They are: Julie Wilson, Tommy Hoey, and Marge Blair. Will try to get some news about them next month. In the meantime, a hearty welcome to the trio!

James W. Crider, Jr., comes from Los Gatos and has a lovely mare named Cinabel Princess, which he showed in the Parade Class at the East Bay Show. Jim is full of good ideas about shows. Would be nice to see and hear from Jim more often!!

Dropped in on Rose Springer, a garden and horse enthusiast from way back. The Springers have developed the grounds around The Castle, as they call their home, into a lovely sight. The view of the Bay is certainly worth the trip up. Rose has a lovely half Morgan mare, Dixie, and a filly, but would like to get another mount for Mr. Springer. Rose would be most happy to show any of you members her lovely house, garden and horses. The Castle is on McDonnell Avenue, just above Mills College.

We haven't been able to contact Mary Jane Kernigan or Ralph Boscacci, but hope to have some news about them in the next issue of the TRAIL BLAZER.

That's all for now!

Membership News

A Membership in the MHA for 1948 Will Make a Swell Christmas Gift

How about giving a membership in the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association for the coming year to your horsemen friends for Christmas! Just three dollars will give your friends a source of enjoyment for thirteen months if you act now. Send in the following blank today and let your friends start their year at the annual Dinner Dance at the Claremont Hotel, Thursday evening, December 4.

Send in your own renewal at the same time so we can get off to a flying start in 1948. We don't have to tell our old members what a good investment a three dollar membership is, but if you have horsemen friends who aren't members, tell them what their dues provide.

Dues in the M.H.A. provide for more and better trails. We spent in excess of seven hundred dollars on trails the past year. The organization also works to keep right of ways through private property open. Members receive our monthly publication the TRAIL BLAZER.

When you are a member of our organization, you are also a member of the California State Horsemen's association which works to further the horsemen's interests at the state legislature and throughout the state. Our members also receive, monthly, an 8-page Bulletin put out by the C.S.H.A. Besides all this, each member gets a full year of fun through our monthly activities such as field days, overnight rides, breakfast rides, dances and so forth.

Here's proof that I'm behind a Bigger and Better METROPOLITAN HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION for 1948

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Address Number Street City Zone

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New Member
Renewal
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Home phone Business phone

Name Adult
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Fill in the above blank . . . Attach your check . . .

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Mrs. Gerald Gray and her daughter, Celia, recently renewed their membership in MHA. We are indeed happy to have these charming people with us again. When approached by us concerning her activities at Tenacres in Lafayette, Mrs. Gray very graciously found time during a busy '47 horse show season to tell us a little about her rancho.

The most consistent performer at Tenacres is "Golden Flight", California's best-known Palomino stallion. Flight, now five, was raised in New Mexico. He is by the famous Texan Quarter Horse, Question Mark, and double registered as both Palomino and Quarter horse. After November 9th, Flight will stand at Tenacres.

Joey, has been shown by Celia for the past two years, and, according to Mrs. Gray, is a perfect child's mount for either Western or English riding. Celia and Joey have a trophy case to be proud of!!

Joey's mate, Dusty, who shows in pairs, is a registered Quarter horse stallion.

A heavyweight green hunter from Virginia, a yearling Palomino filly from Arizona, and Mrs. Gray's faithful old hunter Brian, now retired, complete the stable at Tenacres.

JUNIOR NEWS

Copy of letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman of 3731 Redwood Rd., Oakland, California, where Cherie Mae Winslow, one of our Junior members, stabled her horse, Pepper, from June until Sept., 1947.

Los Angeles, Calif.
10-11-47.

Dear Aunt Elsa and Uncle Gus:

I'm sorry for not writing sooner and I feel awfully guilty about it. I have been so very busy getting settled at my new school and everything.

After Pepper was unloaded he was awfully stiff. I gave him a five day rest period and when I rode him on the next Saturday, it was like riding Dynamite. I led him out of his stall and tied him. I walked two steps away. I heard a clatter of hoofs and there was my little bay Morgan bronco, running up the road, broken tie rope trailing behind. He bucked, kicked and ran full tilt toward the highway. I have never run so fast in my life. I circled around through a field, got between him and the highway. I approached, talking to him. I got within arm's distance and, like a flash, he turned tail and trotted, with high prancing steps back to the stable. He ran into the feed room and sunk his nose into a bin of oats. I ran in and got him before he had gotten two mouthfuls. Incidentally, Pepper, being a very smart horse, held his head to the side so he wouldn't step on the rope.

I saw the article in the Trail Blazer about David . . . nice!

Please kiss the Little Mare for me and give her a carrot.

Love,
Cherie Mae.

(Cherie Mae's Pepper went to Los Angeles this time by So. Pacific Over Night Service at the rate of \$39.60. They boarded him up into one half of a freight car with his bedding, hay and a bucket of water. Wonderful service, and without any fuss or bother or long hours of trailing behind a car).

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Junior Activities

Introducing Junior Members

Our first 1948 Junior Member is Phyllis Ann Perkins from Oakland. Hope this isn't letting the cat out of the bag, but Phyllis' Dad not only renewed her 1947 membership, but requested a 1948 card as well. We will have more news about Phyllis later.

Our second 1948'er is Jean Brown, Tiny Black's kid sister. Jean lives on a ranch near Grants Pass in Oregon and enjoys daily rides at the ranch. Jean used to live in Redwood Canyon, but ranch life in Oregon suits her fine! It's a great life and a happy one!

Although Barbara Ellen Hoffman joined some time ago, we were unable to get some news about her until just recently. Barbara attends the Technical High School and plans to enter the University of California. At the present time, she is riding and training Mr. I've's lovely three-quarter Arabian mare, Sleeta, now stabled at the Piedmont. Thus far, Sleeta has been ridden bareback, but Barbara is slowly getting the mare accustomed to a saddle. Lucky Girl Barbara! Lucky Horse Sleeta!!

JUNIOR NEWS

Mary Evans one of our youngest Juniors, being just three years old, has been taking riding lessons from her father Don Evans. Mary is practicing on a large bay horse named John. It is really something to see Mary riding on the trails with her father. Little Mary sits up very straight and holds the reins by herself and the horse doesn't even wear a lead line. Of course it will be a little while before she is able to put a Thoroughbred over four feet six, but when the time comes she will be bringing her share of the blues home from the shows.

Corrine Smith who lives with her Aunt and Uncle the George Wallings has two new pets. They are a pair of baby mules as October 1, the Lari-ettes placed third in the Western Working Class. Ruby Welch took second in the Pinto Class.

AT THE PINTO RANCH

Stanley Cosca sold his black and white pinto gelding, Stormy, to Andy Anderson, local attorney, recently. Andy is a lucky man to own so faithful and dependable a horse as our old friend, Stormy.

C. E. Harris is back stabling at the Pinto Ranch again. He will be seen on the trails with his new bay and white pinto mare. She is a dandy and we are sure both he and Lady will enjoy our fine trails.

Mrs. Margaret Bates recently arrived from down Porterville way with her two

Butch Black took first on Rabbit in Children's Western Equitation at the Cow Palace. Patty Rukavina rode Fancy to second place in the same class. Billy Black was awarded fifth place riding Sammy.

On October 19, Lorreta Cosca gave a special performance on Poppy for little Larry Dutton who was slowly dying from the dreaded disease Lukemia. Poppy went through all her tricks at a birthday party for Larry a few months in advance of his real birth date as the Doctors said he would not live to see his real Birthday again. Larry died several weeks later.

Members of Pegasus Patrol at Cressmount are hard at work getting ready for their Gymkhana to be held later on this month. This group is composed entirely of riders 7 years of age and up. As members graduate, they are replaced by new riders. The names of the new riders were printed in the November issue of the Trail Blazer.

A lively jumping class recently organized at Cressmount has been given the official name of "The Jumping Juniors"! Members are: Don (alias Donnie) Schumacher, Joyce and Janet Moore, Peggy Day, Jack Reim, and Windy Smith.

There certainly is a lot stirring among the Shongehon riders this semester, and thanks to the efficiency of the club's Publicity Chairman, Jane Garfield, we can give you the news.

The second meeting of the semester was held on November 6th at the home of Priscilla Meyer, where a delicious supper was served and excellent colored movies of the 2nd East Bay Show shown to all.

By the way, four members of Shongehon did a fine job in helping to give out trophies at the East Bay Show. Wanda and Wilda Rosendahl presented trophies to winners during the first half of the show and Happy Clements and Sheila Derieg during the last half.

We hear that two Shongehon riders have expressed a hopeful desire of having their own horses. We suggest that Marilyn Shaw and Jane Garfield try writing a letter to St. Nick. Wishes sometime come true at Christmas time!! CHEERIO!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Ask Santa to bring you a

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Members of Pegasus Patrol at Cressmount are hard at work getting ready for their Gymkhana to be held later on this month. This group is composed entirely of riders 7 years of age and up. As members graduate, they are replaced by new riders. The names of the new riders were printed in the November issue of the Trail Blazer.

A lively jumping class recently organized at Cressmount has been given the official name of "The Jumping Juniors"! Members are: Don (alias Donnie) Schumacher, Joyce and Janet Moore, Peggy Day, Jack Reim, and Windy Smith.

There certainly is a lot stirring among the Shongehon riders this semester, and thanks to the efficiency of the club's Publicity Chairman, Jane Garfield, we can give you the news.

The second meeting of the semester was held on November 6th at the home of Priscilla Meyer, where a delicious supper was served and excellent colored movies of the 2nd East Bay Show shown to all.

By the way, four members of Shongehon did a fine job in helping to give out trophies at the East Bay Show. Wanda and Wilda Rosendahl presented trophies to winners during the first half of the show and Happy Clements and Sheila Derieg during the last half.

We hear that two Shongehon riders have expressed a hopeful desire of having their own horses. We suggest that Marilyn Shaw and Jane Garfield try writing a letter to St. Nick. Wishes sometime come true at Christmas time!! CHEERIO!

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With The Roving Reporters

(NOTE: Due to an error which occurred in the mechanics of setting up the Roving Reporter Column in the November Issue of the TRAIL BLAZER, the news of the LARI-ETTES appeared under the heading of the WILDWOOD STABLES. We hope the Wildwood wasn't inconvenienced too much by the extra boarders they found on their hands. We stabled the Lari-ettes in the right barn this month!)

WITH THE LARI-ETTES

One of the gayest crowds of the season attended the Lari-ettes' Masquerade dance on Halloween at the Tourist Club. The evening's festivities opened with a grand march led by Geneva and Harry Menicucci. Bobbie Anderson's little sister Beverly did a clever impersonation of Al Jolson in pantomime. The highlight of the affair was the Costume Parade. The judges had a difficult time picking the winners from many fine costumes.

First prize for the Best Couple went to Gus and Elsa Himmelman; second to Betty Murphy and Ray Theobald; and third to Bill and Margaret Eppse. For the best single costume, first prize went to Emily Toste; second to Geneva Menicucci; third to Joyce Cosca; fourth to Albertine (Teen) Cosca; and fifth to Pat Rukavina. Stanley Cosca and Gus Himmelman were the Masters of Ceremonies.

Don and Jean Evans brought several out of town guests who were showing horses at the Cow Palace show in San Francisco along to the party. Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deller, Phyllis Rosetti, Clyde Kennedy, Greg Louther, Don Dodge and Pat Malcom. The evening came to a close with Community singing and delicious home made pumpkin pies and coffee.

Donators of the many prizes included: The Broadway Sports Shop, Tex's Leather Store, Parr's Drug Store, Sterling's Furniture Store, Don and Ann, Stanley's Market, Redwood Barber Shop, Redwood Height's Market, Quality Liquor Store, Standard Oil Station on Redwood Road, Hagstrom's on Redwood Road, and Larm's Feed Store.

At the Stockton Parade and Horse Show, October 1, the Lari-ettes placed third in the Western Working Class. Ruby Welch took second in the Pinto Class.

AT THE PINTO RANCH

Stanley Cosca sold his black and white pinto gelding, Stormy, to Andy Anderson, local attorney, recently. Andy is a lucky man to own so faithful and dependable a horse as our old friend, Stormy.

C. E. Harris is back stabling at the Pinto Ranch again. He will be seen on the trails with his new bay and white pinto mare. She is a dandy and we are sure both he and Lady will enjoy our fine trails.

Mrs. Margaret Bates recently arrived from down Porterville way with her two

black and white pinto trick horses. They are very versatile and do many unusual tricks. We hope to see them at our local shows next year.

Rainbow, a roan and white pinto gelding, well known to horse show folks as a top stock horse, is now proudly owned by that good little cowboy, Barton Heller. Barton will show him in both Trail and Stock Horse classes, and together they should win their share of ribbons. Meredith Harris, Barton's sister rode Rainbow to fourth place in the Trail Horse class at the Cow Palace.

Ted Talstrom has several new rent horses and they are good ones. It's a real job to keep a bunch of hard working horses in top shape, but Ted does it.

Jim Holmes and Mary Mevers very quietly turned up as newlyweds. We all wish them much happiness and hope their two horses get along well in the same corral.

George Turner and his speedy Quarter horse, Jeff, are both in top running shape and ready for anyone who thinks they have a running horse. Bring your cash with you.

Donna Meyers is a guest of the Talstroms at the Pinto Ranch. Donna hails from Utah and is a top hand when it comes to strumming the "git-tar" and singing songs of the "lone prairie".

These early rains are surely great. With a few warm days we'll be cutting hay at Christmas time.

AT THE DON EVANS STABLE

The horses at the Don Evans Stable have completed this year's Show season with a good many ribbons. Triple Diamond, owned by Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Davis of Piedmont, won approximately sixty-five ribbons this year. Redwing, owned by Don Evans, placed in every Polo Pony class in which he was shown.

Fighting Boat, owned by Eva Gene Dauger, earned a good share of ribbons for a five-year-old, and Bivouac, also owned by Eva Gene, has proven his worth as a dependable open jumper.

Among the new boarders is Pauline Supreme, owned by Mr. Thomas of Walnut Creek. Pauline's sire is that well known Saddle bred stallion Des Moines Supreme. She's a beautifully conformed bay mare and is coming along fine under Don's training.

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AT CRESSMOUNT

With the closing of the Cow Palace Grand National Show, several members of Cressmount had a "Prawn Party" at the Zombie Village. The Prawniers were: John and Phyllis Thiel, Bob McCarty, Lorraine Lacerda, Mary Lou Hutton, Charlotte Lewis, Mary Gale, Willis Nuttall, and Miss Cress. The party was a get-together for the Upson Downs and the Tuesday Night Riders and their guests.

Upson Downs riders have been having some fine rides under the direction of R. C. Van Den Berg. Some of the novel ideas introduced by Mr. Van Den Berg provide amusement and fun along with the regular evening's drill. Even Kyack cuts up during the fun periods and Alex rolls his eyes at Co-ed Amber while relay racing back and forth across the ring.

Bit and Spur riders are busy with plans for the coming fall Gymkhana. There has been some good competitive riding between the Bit and Spur Riders of Mills College and the Crop and Saddle Riders of the University of California in the past. The coming gymkhana will provide the riders with an opportunity to really show what they can do. Stiff practice drills are toughening the contestants for the showdown in the Cressmount arena. The Bit and Spur riders will perform in their smart riding outfits, complete with black derbies, black coats, black boots, white shirts, black ties and light breeches.

Cecil Moore, daughter of the Stanley Moores, who has been attending the University of California, will leave November 28 for Manila. She is sailing on a freighter of the Pacific Fruit Lines with her friend Barbara Blaine and Barbara's parents. From Manila they expect to make side trips to Siam and other points of interest in the Pacific.

WITH THE BOOTS AND JEANS

The Boots and Jeans club held their annual Halloween Party on October 15, at Sequoia Lodge. Seventy-five members and their guests were present in costumes. Lilian Deuel was chairman for the evening.

There were prizes for the best costumes. Hayes and Barbara Hunter won first as the best dressed couple in White Russian costumes. "Sis" Wilburn and Harry Willis took first for best dressed lady and gentleman in Eighteenth Century costumes.

Ginger Bigelow, as a Bowery Girl, was judged the most original lady and Leroy Lampdom in an old man's costume won first as the most original gentleman. Prizes awarded the ladies included chatelaines, compacts and musical powder boxes, and winners among the men received pen and pencil sets.

Lefty Bowers was an unknown "hayseed" at the party for quite some time, and two of the fellows disguised as women fooled the crowd too. Games and dancing were the means of enjoyment and a midnight supper which closed the evening.

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AT MISS GRAHAM'S REDWOOD RIDING AND BOARDING STABLES

Miss Graham has been having drills in her swell ring every Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The group is mixed as to sex and saddles. Everyone is welcome. The turnout has been encouraging and drills will continue as long as the weather holds out. Mr. Hall is the drill master.

AT THE WILDWOOD STABLE

Ollie and Johnny Curry left for a month's vacation in Texas and intervening spots on November 16. The bunch at the Wildwood Stables will miss them but hope they have a grand trip.

AT THE OAKLAND RIDING ACADEMY

The Oakland Riding Academy welcomes four new boarders: Palomar, and Clipper, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colbourn, Jr.; King, owned by Mr. Milner Anderson, who rides with the Alameda Sheriff's Posse; and Bunny, a grey mare recently bought by Mrs. Shumaker for herself and son, Johnny, to ride.

Bob Lorimer, who runs the Oakland, is very happy with his new private mount, Irish Lad. This horse was owned for some time by the Norman Swansons. Norm sold Irish Lad to I. Hansen, but Mr. Hansen recently joined the Shrine Rangers and therefore had to have a western mount.

Kay Osborne won second trophy with Drum Major in the English Pleasure Horse Class at the recent Hayward show at the Oakland Stadium.

AT THE PIEDMONT STABLES

Among the daily riders from the Piedmont Stables are Arthur Denton and Sally Wright. It's good to see them riding rain or shine. Sally expects her mare, Cinder, to foal in February.

Another tasty breakfast was served at the Roundup a couple of weeks ago for the Piedmont boarders and friends. Fifty horse enthusiasts were served.

Walt Leatham and Jimmie Black had a very successful deer hunting trip last month. They hunted in Eastern Oregon and brought home two big bucks. Very tasty!

Speaking of Jimmie Black, his mother just returned from a seven month's visit in Scotland seeing relatives and friends she hasn't seen for twenty years. She reports that she is mighty glad to be back in America.

Virginia and Bill Patten brought their six month old filly in from pasture last month. They think she'll be quite a horse. Friends of young Tom MacEaney will be glad to hear he is doing fine and enjoying his school in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. He sends regards to all.

The Piedmont extends a welcome to Julie Wilson and her pinto gelding, Playmate, and Max Schwartz with his pinto gelding, Sun Ray. You should see the nifty pair of boots Bob Purvis is sporting these days. Another rider who looks mighty sharp in his Posse uniform is that "outstanding horseman" Gil Ashcom.

Walt and Pearle Leatham and son Larry, and Virginia and Bill Patten attended the Blue Ribbon show at Stockton to watch Jimmie Black, Jr. ride in the Junior Stock Horse class. Jimmie came home with the second award in this class of state "champs". Tiny Black brought a fourth place ribbon home from the same show in the Trails class, one of the largest classes of its kind in shows this year.

AT RED GATES OF RIFLE LANE

All the horses of Red Gates of Rifle Lane were shown at the Grand National Horse Show at the Cow Palace the first part of November. Lady Weston won fifth in Thoroughbred Hunters; O'Malley won third in Open Jumpers and fifth in Touch and Out; Idiot's Delight won fourth in Open Jumpers and seventh in the Jumper Stake. Red Gates also entered the Tack Room competition and won third.

Golden Cloud, the four-year-old Palomino stallion owned by Mr. and Mrs. Topritzhofer, won second in the five hundred dollar Palomino stake at the Cow Palace, competing with twenty-eight other fine golden horses.

Idiot's Delight, O'Malley, Cover Girl, Lady Weston, and Golden Cloud were all eligible for the Blue Ribbon Horse Show put on by the C.S.H.A. at Stockton in October. Idiot's Delight came home with the blue for Open Jumpers and Cover Girl won the Pleasure Horse class. Other ribbons won were: Lady Weston, fourth in Open Hunters; O'Malley, third in Open Jumpers, and Golden Cloud, Fourth in the Palomino Trail class.

Lady Weston and Cover Girl were also on exhibition Friday afternoon for the C.S.H.A. Horse Show Committee's special exhibition. Lady Weston served as a model Hunter, and Cover Girl served as a model Pleasure Horse. They received big red, white, and blue ribbons for their trouble.

At the East Bay Show at Mills College, Lady Weston won the Lady's Hunter Class, and Lady Weston and Cover Girl took third in the Pair Class.

AT THE PRIVATE STABLES

Dr. and Mrs. J. O'Hanneson have a picturesque rancho in the Oakland hills. The house is made of logs in a rambling early California type of architecture, while the stable and paddocks are painted a gleaming white. The stables contain five box stalls with automatic water fountains.

There are several stock horses on the ranch. Dr. O'Hanneson's favorite mount is Red Fox, half Quarter horse and half Thoroughbred. On his Thoroughbred side, he is a grandson of the great Man O' War who passed on to Greener Pastures the first part of this month. Red Fox was shown in Stock Horse classes in Phoenix, Arizona, for three consecutive years and usually came out of the ring with a blue ribbon.

Another horse is Trojan, a three-year-old Palomino gelding. He is out of a cream colored part Standardbred mare and by Bill Noia's Arabian stallion, Arab. Trojan is being trained by Bill Noia and will later be

another mount for Dr. O'Hanneson.

Mrs. O'Hanneson has a grand stock mare which is half Quarter horse and half Thoroughbred, as well as a three-year-old in training with Frank Parrish. The latter, named Samba, is a handsome chestnut with one white stocking. The other horse on the place is a Palomino gelding, Kyak, formerly owned by Dr. Burk.

Jimmie Kempthorne has just had a nice new barn completed for his two Saddlebred horses, Walkaway and Miss Chief. The barn is made of redwood and has been given an oiled finish. It contains three large box stalls and a hay room.

Pat Jones is going to be a bit careful of the Horse Show ribbons she admires in the future. When she and Claude took their Saddlebred stallion, Lucky Holiday to the Grand National show at the Cow Palace recently, she admired an eighth place ribbon of deep brown. Sure enough, Lucky won eighth in the Fine Harness Stake. From here on, Pat is looking at only the blues and reds. But eighth place was not to be sneezed at in competition with so many older and more experienced horses. Lucky is only four and has been in training just ten months with Lee Sole of Sacramento.

Hampton Ford is the proud owner of a new brood mare. She is a bay Saddlebred with white star and one white sock, named Mandelay, and was bred and raised by Mrs. Roth's Why Worry Farm. Mandelay was sired by the Chief of Longview, who won the grand championship at the Kentucky State Fair for three years. However her most interesting breeding is on her dam's side as she is out of Undulata Gem who had for her dam Lena Jameson by Highland Denmark. Lena Jemeson achieved her greatest fame by being the dam of the incomparable American Born. Mandelay has been broken to drive and was trained as a three-gaited mare by the Roth's stable, before becoming a brood mare. She formerly belonged to Jack Green and is the dam of his two year old chestnut filly by San Juan who is named Sandelay. Mandelay is now in foal to Hampton Ford's registered Saddlebred stallion Pandora's Supreme.

Pandora's Supreme has been sent to Earl R. Farshler's training stable in Livermore to be taught his five gaits.

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"IN DEFENSE OF YOUR HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT"

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In putting on a show the management is governed by several factors: to present a Classification List fair and interesting to the exhibitor and to produce a show entertaining to the audience. Hoping, of course, to have an audience!

The East Bay Horse Show was patterned after the above with earnest intent. However, disturbing incidents do present themselves in spite of all effort. Without any warning whatever, the opening of the show found one judge missing. Lonnie McNally is to be commended for taking on the Western Classes as he did in this emergency. Several other "promised-to-be-there's" also joined the absentees. This

caused some delay and confusion at the gate but the show went on!

Some unpleasantness resulted from exhibitors who entered incorrectly either because they failed to read the rules with sufficient thought or because the rules might not have been as clear to them as to the one who wrote them. Let us assume there was some ambiguity in classification of the Western Pleasure Class for which I apologize. However, it was classified for non-winners and there was an honest attempt to restrict entries—some horses were reclassified, possibly some, not eligible, were left in. However, please believe if such happened it was entirely unintentional.

It was quite evident the Western Pleasure caused considerable disturbance which only to-day was cleared. The Judge's Card awarded first place to No. 63 Gypsy Vagabond owned by Rhea Ludolph. Thru error No. 63 was entered in another class but shown in Pleasure. However Gypsy Vagabond, though entered on the program did not show but was substituted for by Mucha Grande, a young pinto of similar type but a non winner. This incident brings out several points that are listed for benefit of exhibitors, public opinion, and the management:

1. Exhibitors should be more careful to inform themselves of rules of the show.
2. Management should be informed of any substitution of entry.
3. The ring clerk, should check entries of each class to avoid possible question of eligibility.
4. Public expression of disfavor is unfortunate. The judge has a tough job and does the best he can. If we enter a show, we should accept his decision.
5. The management may make mistakes but does not set out "to jip" anyone. That would be poor judgement.
6. Make complaints direct to the management and not over the fence.

A successful horse show requires the support of the community and good will among all.

CORNELIA CRESS.

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2nd ANNUAL EAST BAY HORSE SHOW RESULTS

The 2nd Annual East Bay Horse Show held at Cressmount on Sunday, October 26th, proved to be a very successful and entertaining type of show.

Results of the show are as follows:
LADIES HUNTERS

1. Lady Weston	Elsie Mesquita
2. Big Rock	Mary Lou Hutton
3. Rock N'Rye	Margarete Phelps
4. Mt. Helix	Janice Kenyon

CHILDREN'S JUMPERS

1. Killarney	Joyce Moore
2. Noah	Peggy Day
3. Timberline	J. Windrim Smith, Jr.
4. Elko	Jack Reim

FINE HARNESS

1. Destiny Bay	Mrs. Charlotte B. Anderson
2. Highland Ladybug	Katherine L. Lightner
3. Barrymore Sunday	Rae Deane Spaulding

BEST TYPE WESTERN HORSE

1. Jim	Jane Lake
2. G.I. Joe	Jack Manners
3. Padre	Goldie Lopes
4. Stinky	Vonnie Hernandez

SADDLE TANDEM

1. Don Chenate	
Golden Lady	Mabel Stevens
2. Peter Patch	
Duffle Bag	Mary Lou Hutton

3.	Billie Doon	
	Merlyn McDonald	Cecil Moore
4.	Co-ed Amber	
	Killarney	Sally Allen
PLEASURE HORSES—PAIRS—WESTERN		
1.	Stinky	Vonnie Hernandez
	Jim	Jane Lake
2.	Pedro	Floyd Jacobs
	Lady Be Good	Clarence Simons
3.	Jaffe	Ervine Hansen
	Rebel	Al Upton
4.	Sir Butch	F. L. Kelly
	Poncho	Jerry Jacobs

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1.	Toy Storm	Sandra Logue
2.	Rock N'Rye	Margarete Phelps
3.	Duffle Bag	Mary Lou Hutton
4.	Rum Punch	Mary Lou Hutton

PARADE HORSES

1.	Cinabel Princess	James W. Crider, Jr.
2.	Golden Tim	Mr. Thomas Bacon
3.	King of the Gallatin	William Schweiter
4.	Loleta	Leo Armstrong

PARK HACKS

1.	Bengal Tiger	Corrine Smith
2.	Gypsy Music	Mrs. Edson Adams
3.	Rhythm's Juanita	Bea McKechnie
4.	Drum Major	Kay Osbourne

WORKING HUNTERS—**TEAMS OF THREE**

1.	Mr. Helix	Janice Kenyon
	Capt. Kidd	Ethel Kartholl
	Royal Robin	James Ormond
2.	Toy Storm	Sandra Logue
	Elko	Sue Allen
	Indian	Sally Allen
3.	Rum Punch	Mary Lou Hutton
	Bobby Sox	Tedda Beyler
	Strong Bow	Cecil Moore
4.	Big Rock	Marilyn Shaw
	Florien	Mollie Mulford
	Co-ed Amber	Win Johnson

STOCK HORSES—ADULT DIVISION

1.	G.I. Joe	Jack Manners
2.	Stinky	Vonnie Hernandez
3.	High Barbaree	Bill Kellogg
4.	Wasp B.	Walter Leatham

STOCK HORSES—JR. DIVISION

1.	Tumbleweed	Donnie Ford
2.	Honey	Dick Sibert
3.	Dolly	Paul Sibert

PLEASURE HORSES—PAIRS—**FLAT SADDLE**

1.	Kyack	Maria De Bonis
	Noah	Joyce Gabelman
2.	La Zova Moon	Bea Sweet
	Pacific Flight	Helen Shafer
3.	Cover Girl	Norma Burton
	Lady Weston	Elsie Mesquita
4.	Florien	Mollie Mulford
	Gay Mate	Sally Allen

PLEASURE HORSES—WESTERN

1.	Mucho Grande	Rhea Ludolph
2.	Tarda	Beryl Johnstone
3.	Sweetheart	Archie Brown
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Ad Libs

Yoicks! Yoicks! Tally-ho! and Stuff! The Holiday Season is here again! Time to buckle down and do some Christmas shopping. Poor old St. Nick must get awful weary of the same load of toys for the kiddies, socks for Dad, fancy bath salts and hankies for Mom, not to mention the usual line of gifts for other members of the family. You may not have thought of the products we advertise as possibilities for gifts, but we'll wager that this column will give you some really good ideas to add to your shopping list this year. Read on, and see if we're right!

First and foremost, about the nicest gift we can suggest right now is a 1948 MEMBERSHIP TO MHA for some member of your family or a friend. PARAMOUNT PEST CONTROL offers you its sure-fire termite control—how about a money order to "TERMIZE" with "WODERTH PROCESS"! SHEA AND POSTON in San Francisco have just about the most complete line of English saddles and appointments as well as assorted goods for the Western rider. For warmth and pleasure, we suggest FURS BY BRUCE for the feminine members of your family. Why not drop in at Bruce Evander's distinctive fur store? Kid brother or Dad might appreciate a paid-for grease job at the DON MARQUIS UNION SERVICE STATION. By the way, from what we hear, the new Dodges are really supersonic, but try and get one! On second thought, why not call DON MARQUIS, your NORTH OAKLAND DEALER, and try and get one! The COLBURN STUDIO has a Christmas idea that is bound to please the family and friends. Why not have a photograph taken of you and your horse! If your pocket-book can stand it, give your horseback-riding Dad an order for a ROWELL SADDLE guaranteed to be kind to the horse. Joaquin Perry's IDEAL CABINET SHOP offers some wonderful suggestions to make Mother's kitchen complete. Andrew Gross makes up WESTERN HATS from your own design in any size, shape, color or model—how about a hat made-to-order for Dad or brother? Possibly you'd like to get a good price for your used car — call HAROLD KNUDSEN and let him assist you. A script book for a series of lessons or pleasure rides at the ARLINGTON HILLS RIDING ACADEMY would make a dandy gift for any member of the family who rides. E. D. LEVINSOHN has a wide variety of hand-carved belts, wallets and purses at LESS THAN WHOLESALE! Now, there is a good money saving idea! Maybe one of your pals has a horse in need of more training. How about a gift of a month's training at PHILIP CAIN'S TRAINING STABLE in Livermore. With the price of feed so high, what would please a horse owner more than some of

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The 1947 Membership Campaign was started under the Chairmanship of Don Marquis in October of 1946. Later, when Mr. Marquis was elected President of M.H.A. and a new Board elected, Mrs. Clarence Simons was made Membership Chairman. Under the direction of Mrs. Simons, a new Membership Committee was formed and the Membership Campaign continued.

Memberships were secured in many ways. Membership Renewal Cards were mailed to all members, a Membership Blank was printed in the TRAIL BLAZER, a Membership Booth was set up at M.H.A. functions, and a Surprise Breakfast given to members who succeeded in securing five or more members within a specified time. To date, the membership is in excess of seven hundred members!

One of the new ideas put into practice this year, is that of introducing new members to the membership by printing the names and some information about them in a page of MEMBERSHIP NEWS made available for that purpose in each issue of the TRAIL BLAZER. A monthly MEMBER-SHIP ROSTER is also included in this page of news.

The Membership Committee is at present working on plans for securing 1948 memberships. The Committee decided to give any new members who have joined up since November 1st, the advantage of making theirs a 1948 membership.

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S.P.C.A. Activities during this year have been reported at Board Meetings and in the M.H.A. monthly publication the TRAIL BLAZER. Numerous incidents handled by the Deputies have been brought to the attention of MHA members with the hopes of eliminating the problems of inhumane treatment of animals in this area. Although the Deputies have tried to achieve results by treating offenders courteously, they have of late been forced to make arrests, a method not ordinarily the policy of the Deputies. However, there has been a great deal of improvement in general support over last year. The aim of the S.P.C.A. Committee is to promote the Golden Rule between riders and horses.

The S.P.C.A. Committee assisted the Castro Valley Deputies in working out a plan for handling the Castro Valley S.P.C.A. problems. Mr. Porter, who has worked with State Officer, Leo Witt, was recently appointed Chairman of the Castro Valley Horsemen's Association.

The Lari-ettes recently donated \$100.00 to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society of Alameda County. The donation was part of the proceeds from their Bazaar and Rodeo Dance, held at the Tourist Club in July.

Mr. Jack Richards is very grateful for the support of M.H.A. Members and wishes to express his thanks on behalf of S.P.C.A. and all its officers for the fine cooperation during this past year.

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Seven hundred thirty-five dollars and fifty-two cents was spent the past year in developing and improving our riding trails. The trails worked on and the committeemen in charge of each project were as follows: Bridge View Trail, a connection between Bridge View and Sunset Trail, Howard Robinson, chairman, Jack Tann, assistant; Pedestrians' Walk and Horsemen's Trail from Skyline Boulevard down Redwood Road to the Pinehurst gate of Regional Park, Arthur Denton, chairman; Riding and Hiking Trail connecting Redwood, Roundtop and Tilden Regional Parks, Wes Adams, chairman, assistants, A. B. Graham and Heber J. Brown; Pedestrians' and Horsemen's Trail along Joaquin Miller Road from Mountain Boulevard, Martin Murray, chairman; Dark Canyon project, Vern Chappell, chairman; continuation of the Tate Trail to the Pinehurst Gate of the park, Wes Adams, chairman.

The Trails Committee also succeeded in having eighteen horse crossing signs erected at the most dangerous crossings and also had white parallel lines painted across the paving to mark horse paths in several places.

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